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| Office Action Summary | Application No. 09/788,061 | Applicant(s) TROST ET AL. | |
| | Examiner EUGENE YUN | Art Unit 2618 | |

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 April 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 05 October 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Vanden Heuvel et al. (US 5,426,424).

Referring to Claim 8, Vanden Heuvel teaches a processor 106 (fig. 1) comprising a memory 115 (fig. 1) having a plurality of fragments 504 (fig. 5) and an array 501 (fig. 5) configured to control the sequence of memory fragments from which data is read (see col. 5, lines 3-18).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-7 and 9-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Vanden Heuvel et al. (US 5,426,424) in view of Larsen (US 6,223,290).

Referring to Claim 1, Vanden Heuvel teaches a wireless communications device (see fig. 1 where the device 100 has a wireless antenna 102), comprising:

a processor 106 (fig. 1) coupled to the wireless transceiver, the processor having a memory 115 (fig. 1) comprising a plurality of fragments 504 (fig. 5) and an array 501 (fig. 5) configured to control the sequence of memory fragments from which data is read (see col. 5, lines 3-18).

Vanden Heuvel does not teach a wireless transceiver. Larsen teaches a wireless transceiver (see col. 3, lines 53-56 where the cellular telephone is the wireless transceiver). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the teachings of Larsen to said device of Vanden Heuvel in order to allow easier access to received selective call messages by maintaining a dynamically configured hierarchical memory structure.

Referring to Claim 2, Larsen also teaches a second array configured to indicate a status of each of the memory fragments (see col. 4, lines 27-29 where the auxiliary memory contains the second array).

Referring to Claim 9, Vanden Heuvel does not teach the processor comprising a second array configured to indicate a status of each of the memory fragments. Larsen teaches a second array configured to indicate a status of each of the memory fragments (see col. 4, lines 27-29 where the auxiliary memory contains the second array).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to substitute the receiver of Vanden Heuvel with the transceiver of Larsen, in order to provide the device with the ability to transmit information, such as acknowledgements.

Referring to Claims 3 and 10, Larsen also teaches the status indicated by the second array for each of the memory fragments comprising a bit to indicate whether its respective memory fragment is empty (see col. 4, lines 47-52 where erasing the memory results in an empty memory fragment).

Referring to Claims 4 and 11, Vanden Heuvel also teaches a read pointer 804 (fig. 8) configured to indicate the memory fragment from which the data is being read (see col. 9, lines 44-51).

Referring to Claims 5 and 12, Larsen also teaches memory fragments comprising 64 bytes (see col. 5, lines 10-16).

Referring to Claims 6 and 13, Larsen also teaches the memory fragments comprising 128 memory fragments (see col. 6, lines 3-8).

Referring to Claims 7 and 14, Larsen also teaches the array comprising a 128 element array (see col. 6, lines 3-8).

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments filed 7/27/2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Regarding the arguments pertaining to the memory, regardless of whether or not the claims state "having" or "comprising", the examiner still states that the memory of Vanden Heuvel is still part of the processor. The claims do not state that the memory must be on the same integrated circuit board, chip, etc. Therefore, since the memory is not only part of the same device as the processor, but also directly coupled to the

processor, the examiner concludes that the Vanden Heuvel reference still teaches the processor "having" a memory as claimed in the claimed invention regardless of whether or not the claims state "having" or "comprising".

In either case, the examiner can also point to MPEP 2144.04, more specifically the section about "Making Integral" to show that the claims are not necessarily patentable over the prior art due to the memory being or not being integrated to the processor.

Conclusion

6. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to EUGENE YUN whose telephone number is (571)272-7860. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00am-6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew D. Anderson can be reached on (571)272-4177. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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